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Title: Human Serpin Polynucleotides, Polypeptides, and Antibodies

**PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE AND
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2003 (Paper No. 5), please consider the following amendments, traversal, provisional election, and remarks.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments prior to examination of the captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Fee Transmittal Sheet with appropriate fee (in dupl.); and (b) a Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.

In the Claims:

~~Please cancel claims 1-10, 12, 14-16, and 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.~~

Please add the following new claims:

23. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) a polynucleotide encoding amino acid residues 1 to 215 of SEQ ID NO:7; and
 - (b) a polynucleotide comprising nucleotides 1 to 706 of SEQ ID NO:4.

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